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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND  
ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

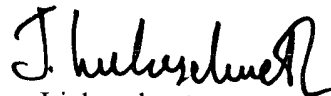
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Sir:

In response to the restriction and election of species requirement mailed September 29, 2000, Applicants elect group I and species A. Claims reading on species A are claims 1-24 and 29-37. The election of species requirement is respectfully traversed on the basis that although the designated species may be patentably distinct they are not mutually exclusive. MPEP 806.04(f) specifies that "[c]laims to be restricted to different species must be mutually exclusive." Here, it is noted that the claims specify that an antibody binds to a particular species of A $\beta$  but do not in general require that the antibody be raised against the same species of A $\beta$  to which it binds. Therefore, antibodies that bind to A $\beta$  (as recited claim 9) include antibodies that bind to A $\beta$ 1-28, for example, as recited in claim 25. Because the election of species requirement requires election between nonmutually exclusive species, it is submitted that it should be withdrawn.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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